

## House Republican Press Release

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### **Representative Bielawa Announce Homeland Security Grant for Bethel**



HARTFORD-State Rep. Hank Bielawa, R-2nd, today announced the Town of Bethel will receive a \$65,096 grant from the state's Homeland Security Grant Program. Of the grant, \$46,676 will be administered under the Homeland Security Local Share Distribution Program and the remaining \$18,419 will be used under the Law

Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program.

The State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) provides financial assistance directly to each of the states and territories to prevent, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. SHSP supports the

implementation of identified planning, equipment, training, and exercise needs. Projects that can be funded under the program include establishing communications systems between police and other first responders and training first responders to address chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) incidents.

The Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) provides law enforcement agencies with funds to support the following prevention activities: information sharing to preempt terrorist attacks; target hardening to reduce vulnerability of selected high value targets; recognition and mapping of potential or developing threats; counter-terrorism and security planning; interoperable communications; and, interdiction of terrorists before they can execute a threat or intervention activities that prevent terrorists from executing a threat. These funds may be used for planning, organization, training, exercises, and equipment.

"To best protect residents, the town's first responders need updated equipment and training, said Rep. Bielawa. "This grant will help in that area, as well as prepare Bethel for a number of emergencies".